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State of emergency declared in Canton Township

The severe weather last week collapsed three park pavilions, felled nearly 50 trees and damaged the recently reopened splash pad at Heritage Park in Canton Township. In response to the emergency conditions, Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak declared a state of emergency on Thursday, Aug. 24. Graham-Hudak also called on the governor to declare an emergency situation and petition federal authorities for assistance, so that state and federal resources might be made available to the Canton community.

The tornado was confirmed by the National Weather Service to have touched down at just after 10 p.m. last week northwest of Pheasant Run Golf course. The twister traveled across Summit Parkway and Canton Center Road, dropping a tree onto a house near Sheldon Road. The tornado winds in Canton were estimated at 80 mph. At 10:23, another tornado struck Belleville, uprooting trees and damaging Mobile Manor Trail Park. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued the emergency disaster declaration for both Wayne and Monroe counties on Saturday.

"Unprecedented rains have caused significant flooding and extensive damage throughout large sections of the Canton community," Graham-Hudak said during a press conference last week. "With so much storm damage, the township is looking to this state of emergency designation to help us supplement our local response and recovery efforts."

Canton Township Emergency Manager William Hayes was designated to coordinate with state and federal authorities for assistance related to the emergency.

Wayne County Executive Officer Warren C. Evans announced his plan to declare a state of emergency during a press conference Aug. 25 at the Canton administration building. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Graham-Hudak attended Evans' meeting and addressed the impact of the severe rain, flooding, and excessive wind damage reported. The City of Inkster and the Northville and Plymouth communities also reported damage from the storm and the storm conditions closed Metro Airport in Romulus where roads and interstates were under water.

Under the state of emergency, Wayne County hopes to expedite additional resources to provide aid for residents in the hardest-hit communities.

Members of the Canton Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and township staff members began a door-to-door damage assessment of residential structures in that community on Saturday. The information collected will be provided to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police, officials said.

These assessments are a necessary step in evaluating the impact of the recent storm damage and tornadic activity that has affected several areas in the Canton community, they added.

"The purpose of these visits is to solely conduct damage assessments on behalf of Canton Township to assist with providing the total damage assessment numbers to the State of Michigan," Hayes said. "All of this information will help recovery efforts as we continue to concentrate on clean-up measures that resulted from a barrage of recent storm fronts that brought heavy rain and high winds

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Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, below at podium, declared a state of emergency last week in response to the severe weather damage following a confirmed tornado in the community. During a press conference the next day, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, at podium above, said he planned to declare all of Wayne County as a disaster area.

Opportunity Park is officially dedicated in Romulus

It was an 'opportunity' Romulus officials couldn't pass up.

Recently, the city celebrated the grand opening of Opportunity Park on Northline Road. The park was created from an underutilized piece of land established during construction of the Romulus Athletic Center (RAC). While a walking path was installed during the construction, the park was relatively secluded, nearly hidden by an abundance of trees and overgrown brush, bushes and weeds, a spokesman explained.

During the celebratory ribbon cutting officially opening the park, members of the Romulus Rotary Club were on hand to provide their famous grilled hot dogs and refreshments to the audience.

City of Romulus officials applied for and were awarded a $70,000 grant from Kaboom! (SIC) and the Ralph C. Wilson Foundation through the Play Everywhere Challenge, for improvements to what they named Opportunity Park. The brush and overgrowth along the entrance of the park was cleared to create a more open, safe, and inviting space with improved site lines. The wooden bridge that crosses the entrance to the park was reconstructed. Gordon Components, a Romulus company, donated the labor to help build and install playground equipment and StoryWalk nature themed interpretive signage was also installed.

Romulus Recreation Commission member Leah Cholette, and her granddaughters, helped paint a nature themed activity circuit along the walking path, making the area inviting, officials said.

The city Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) provided funding to clear additional trees and overgrowth inside the park which was not covered by the grant funds. The repair and upgrading of lighting around the walking path to LED fixtures was also funded by TIFA funds.

The park is located at 35765 Northline Road, on the east side of the RAC parking lot.

Romulus city officials and recreation commission members proudly cut the ribbon opening the new Opportunity Park on Northline Road in the community. The park is located next to the Romulus Athletic Center.

Canton - Sumpter

Recreation commission seeking event volunteers

Community events require community participation.

In Sumpter Township, the current lack of volunteers to help with community events like the recent Family Fun Day and upcoming other activities is a concern of Parks and Recreation Commission member Sharon Pokerwinski and members of the township board of trustees. During a meeting earlier this month, Pokerwinski addressed the board members with her concerns about the lack of volunteers participation.

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"It's getting difficult at parks and rec," she said, noting that many former volunteers have not returned while others may want to come back to help, but simply have not done so as yet.

Her concerns were echoed by Trustee Matt Oddy who said the township needs to continue to push the park and recreation activities and attempt to find volunteers in the community to help.

"We've had a 20 percent increase in population over the last 2 years. We need to get more members on the commission. We've had pretty much the same group over the years. We need an influx of new residents with new ideas," he said. "This just doesn't work without volunteers."

Oddy suggested the township post the need for volunteers to help with various community events on Facebook or the local community channel 12 to let residents know their input and help are needed.

Trustee Tim Rush said he agreed with Oddy, "100 percent. "Sharon is correct," he said. "The lack of volunteers has us talking about downsizing the turkey shoot. If the Country Fest is to come back, even in a smaller version, we need more volunteers to keep things rolling."

More information about volunteer positions is available by phoning township hall at (734) 461-6201.

Township trustees consider outsourcing water billings

A move to a third-party service for preparation of water bills has been proposed in Sumpter Township.

Township Manager Anthony Burdick said that his research found that the lowest cost for the service would be with the company that currently prepares the township tax billings. He said the cost of the service would be about $8,000 for quarterly billings of 3,200 hundred service addresses in the community.

"This is the same company and is the best choice to handle the utility bills," Burdick told the board members during the Aug. 8 meeting.

He said the water bills would be prepared on an 8 1/2 size sheet and mailed to residents. This format, he said, would also allow the township to include other information in the billings at no cost increase.

He told the board members he would have the issue on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.

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through the Canton community."

Members of the Canton CERT volunteer program and township staff will have proper identification, including badges and uniform vests. Credentials will be available upon request. officials said.

Canton residents are being asked to answer the damage assessment questions as accurately as possible and to provide any necessary information to help evaluate the extent of the damage in neighborhoods.

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell attended the Aug. 25 press conference to address the state of emergency declaration for Wayne County and Canton Township.

Should questions arise during or after these visits, residents are asked to call the non-emergency dispatch at (734) 394-5400 for additional information.

"All gathered data will go a long way in helping to expedite the necessary aid we need in the Canton community to assist with our recovery process," said Graham-Hudak.

"By working together we'll be able to obtain the necessary resources that are currently in high demand in our community."

Canton residents affected by heavy rains are also encouraged to submit a self-reporting survey to help assess the damage throughout the township at: https://arcg.is/10ab1j

For additional information, visit www.canton-mi.org.

Deceased man's identity sought

Police are continuing to investigate the death of a 28-year-old Westland man found on the shoulder of I-275 in Canton Township earlier this month.

Police received a 911 call at about 10:10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 reporting a man lying on the side of the freeway on northbound I-275 near Koppernick Road.

Michigan State Police Troopers responded and the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Troopers said red parts from a vehicle were found near the deceased and a rental car in his name was parked nearby. Police have asked anyone with any information to call 855-MICH-TIP, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP to remain anonymous.

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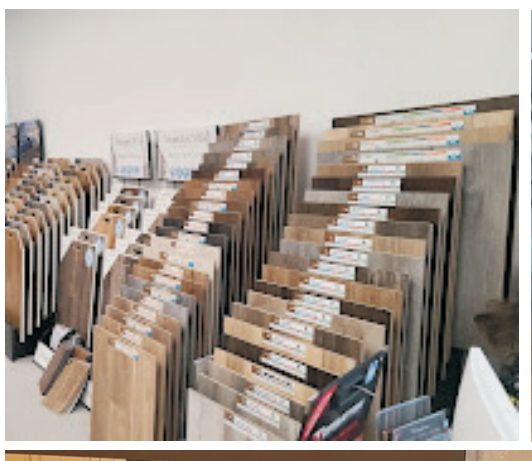
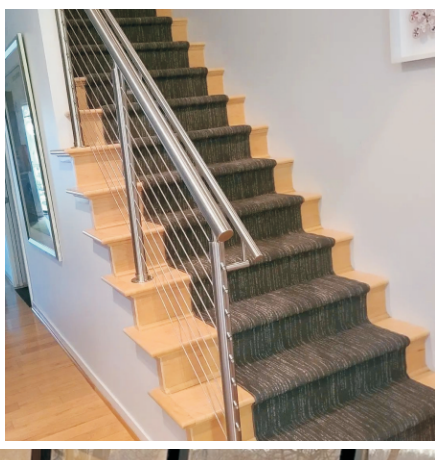

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INKSTER - WAYNE

Wayne city manager abruptly tenders resignation

The sudden resignation of Wayne City Manager Lisa Nocerini was an apparent surprise to several members of the city council last week.

Nocerini, currently a key figure in multiple city lawsuits, submitted her resignation in an email to Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa, Mayor Pro-tem Alfred Brock and city attorneys on Sunday, Aug. 20. The entire council was only informed of her resignation during a special meeting called for Thursday, Aug. 24. During that meeting, council members voted to accept the resignation effective today, Aug. 31.

Nocerini, who has been with the city for 8 years, has reportedly been hired as the city manager in Douglas, a community near Saugatuck. Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong will serve as acting city manager until a replacement can be recruited and hired.

During the special meeting last week, Councilman Mathew Mulholland expressed his concern about the manner in which Nocerini's resignation had been communicated to officials. During the meeting, Rhaesa admitted he and Brock received the email from Nocerini on Sunday.

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"It seems like there's been negotiations going on that the council wasn't aware of," Mulholland said.

Rhaesa defended the delay in communicating with the council and said it was due to an effort to inform all councilmembers at the same time of the resignation.

After agreeing to Aug. 30 as an effective date for Nocerini's departure, the council voted to name Strong as the interim city manager until Sept. 5. The council also agreed to accept letters of interest from other current department heads in becoming the acting city manager. They also authorized the preparation of a job description for the new city manager and the acceptance of applicants from hiring firms.

Mulholland cast the only dissenting vote on both the date of Nocerini's departure and the appointment of Strong, citing the failure of Rhaesa to provide prompt information to the council.

Nocerini and Strong are named as defendants in two current lawsuits filed against the city. One of the suits, filed by resident Mark Blackwell, charges violations of his First Amendment rights. He claims Nocerini instructed Strong to falsely arrest him in exchange for the promotion to police chief. He was subsequently found not guilty of any of the charges she alleged. Earlier this month, a federal judge dismissed city efforts to have Blackwell's suit for violation of his civil rights dismissed and ruled that his lawsuit had provided enough evidence to move forward.

In a separate lawsuit, police Ofc. Abraham Hughes also alleges that Nocerini interfered with the hiring process in the promotion of Strong, denying him the job based on his refusal to arrest Blackwell. His case is also moving through the court system to trial.

Nocerini also accused former City Councilman Christopher Sanders of stalking with criminal intent. He is awaiting trial next month on those criminal allegations. Nocerini was also reportedly the instigator of a lawsuit filed by the city against former Councilman Anthony Miller accusing him of violating his fiduciary responsibilities by providing evidence to the Michigan State Police during a criminal investigation. She also filed a lawsuit seeking financial damages from the city as a result of the alleged stalking by Sanders which was resolved by a financial settlement to her.

Evidence in the Blackwell, Hughes and Sanders' legal proceedings includes an independent investigation of Nocerini's professional conduct prepared in August of 2018. The report, which concluded Nocerini should be disciplined "up to termination," has been allowed by each of the courts despite numerous city efforts to disallow the report as evidence.

Lisa Nocerini

Following the report, council members at the time failed to take action as recommended by the investigators. That lack of action was followed by the resignations of the city attorney, the police chief and the personnel manager.

Rhaesa said, during the meeting, that he considered Nocerini's resignation a loss.

"This is a time for us to come together for this community. We are losing a great person in my opinion. We have had eight years of consistency," he said.

Investigation into shooting of Inkster teen continues

The investigation into the shooting of an Inkster youth Aug 6 is continuing, according to police.

Police were called to the HYPE Athletic Center parking lot on Howe Road Wayne at 10:27 p.m. Aug. 4. in response to a report of a shooting victim.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found a juvenile resident of Inkster suffering non-life-threatening injuries. The victim was transported to Corewell Hospital Dearborn for treatment. Witnesses told police the shooting suspects fled the scene on foot following the incident.

Police utilized a K-9 unit to track the suspects which led to a Wayne residence.

A search warrant was executed at the home in cooperation with the Western Wayne Special Operations Team.

Police have requested anyone with information regarding the incident to contact Det. Michael Bolton at mbolton@city-ofwayne.com.

Whoops

A construction crane fell onto the roof at Franklin Middle School on Annapolis Street in Wayne during the installation of an air conditioning unit at the building. During the Aug 17 incident, one side of the crane lifted off the ground causing the boom to strike the corner of the building roof. No further information regarding the cause of the incident or an estimate of the damage to the school was available.The large crane reportedly was repositioned without any reported injuries to workers.

Water danger continues in Wayne

Water from residential taps in the City of Wayne remains contaminated with high levels of lead, according to inspectors from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Wayne residents should continue to put lead filters on home water faucets and consider having children tested for lead in their blood following levels of the neurotoxin found in city water supplies.

According to a posting on the city website last month, nine of 60 homes tested in Wayne had excessive levels of lead.

Exposure to lead can damage the brain and kidneys and can affect the production of red blood cells in the body. There is no safe level of lead in drinking water, officials said.

Officials urged residents to continue to take precautions against any exposure to the dangerous neurotoxin.

Filters are available between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the City of Wayne Department of Public Works, 35200 Forest Ave. in Wayne. The department can be reached at (734) 721-8600.

SYNOPSIS
SPECIAL MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 17, 2023
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Cynthia Jankowski, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

ABSENT: Roger Lundberg, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiation Discussion
As permitted under the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.268, Section 8 (C) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. – Approved

1. **New Business**
   A. **Decision from Closed Session** – Approved
2. **Brief Public Comments:** None
3. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available August 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Cynthia L. Jankowski, Clerk

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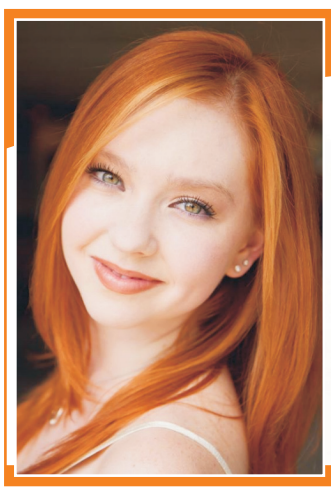
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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, August 17, 2023
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Cynthia Jankowski, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Roger Lundberg, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
1. **Agendas:**
   A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** – Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   A. **WTUA Budget Presentation** – Approved
   B. **Reappointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Paul Smith** – Approved
   C. **Landfill Working Committee Report** – Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** 3 residents had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   A. **Planning – Master Plan Adoption** – Approved
   B. **Planning – Conditional Rezoning – MITC Parcel 7** – Approved
   C. **Parks & Recreation – Legacy Park Trail RFP** – Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**
   A. **In the amount of $ 2,843,111.66 for the period of July 8, 2023 to August 4, 2023.** – Approved
9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   A. Mark Abbo, Cynthia Jankowski, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Roger Lundberg, Christopher Roosen, Manager Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available August 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Cynthia L. Jankowski, Clerk

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
September 18, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m.** on **Monday, September 18, 2023** for the purpose of considering the following:

1. **SLU-2023-001, 002, and 003/SPR-2022-013; Safeway Oil Service Center** requesting special land use approvals for a vehicle fueling station, car wash and drive-thru restaurant as part of a vehicle service center development. The property is owned by Wayne County Airport Authority and the 6.5-acre lease area is part of DP #80 053 99 0001 700, located on the west side of Middlebelt Road, south of Lucas Drive, and north of Hildebrandt. The property is zoned AP, Airport District.

   DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEASE AREA:
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The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

Copies of the applications are available for review in the Planning Department located at the Department of Public Services (12600 Wayne Road) during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Carol Maise, City Planner in the Planning Department at 734-955-4530. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Planning Secretary (734-955-4530) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Our staff will be pleased to make necessary arrangements.

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Plymouth - Westland

67th Plymouth Fall Festival will begin next weekend

One of the most unique events in the area will begin next Thursday afternoon when trucks hauling the components of huge amusement rides start to arrive in downtown Plymouth.

And the next afternoon, the Plymouth Fall Festival will open to the public with games, booths, entertainment and the traditional Rotary Chicken Barbeque on Sunday. Fall Festival President Andrea Gerber said she and the committee which organizes the civic event expect to see large crowds again this year as this event offers the public a chance to help give back to the community.

"Every booth, every activity at the festival is connected to a civic group and a portion, or all, of the revenue generated during the festival goes back to the club or team or organization. This is a once-a-year event when every civic group joins in a combined fundraising effort, she said.

Gerber said she and the other board members are "excited" about the festival this year. "We met last week and the energy was really positive. These are really great people all doing something for the community," she said.

A new feature at the festival this year will be the first Barbeque Spare Rib Dinner served from 3 until 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 by members of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 528. The veterans are planning to cook about 300 spare rib dinners during the afternoon, just prior to the live music performance in the huge tent behind E.G. Nicks in the restaurant parking lot. The complete dinners are priced at $15.

Bingo games will be available in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park, from 6 until 9 p.m. Friday. The games are a fundraising event for the Plymouth Canton Little League group and have several special bingo prizes during the evening.

Friday night also features the popular Party Tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest Street. As the veterans pack up their grills, the Atomic Radio band will be setting up to perform from 8 p.m. until midnight. There is a $5 cover charge which is donated to the local Vietnam Veterans group.

The decades-old traditional Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast will, as usual, begin serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The generous breakfasts are priced at $7 and help fund the Kiwanis efforts to make the world a better place for children.

The beloved Optimist Club Pet Show will begin with a pet parade just before the 9 a.m. contest for the longest and shortest ears or tails and several other unique categories. Pets can be registered before the free event just before the contest. Nearly everyone goes home with a ribbon and all types of pets are eligible to compete.

Following the pet show on the Kellogg Park stage will be the Chiefettes, Sabersteam Rocket's Pompon squad. At noon, the Plymouth Library will present Cameron Zvara, a comedy magician. At 2 p.m. Dance Beat/Forever After Productions takes the stage just before the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps. At 4:30 the Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers will perform and at 7 p.m. Geff Philips and Friends will take to the stage.

Returning to the festival Saturday evening is the popular Rotary Spaghetti

Dinner. This will be the 12th year that the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. has staged the event. Organizers said the dinners will be served from 4 until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 in the huge tent behind E.G. Nick's restaurant on Forest Avenue. This year, dinner for adults is an all you can eat event. The $15 meal includes an ample serving of pasta with marinara sauce and two meatballs, a salad, specialty bread from The Whitney, a Jimmy John's chocolate chip cookie, a bottle of spring water and coffee or tea. The dinner preparation is supervised by Chef Frank Agostini from E.G. Nick's and Tim Patino, former chef and now general manager of The Whitney Restaurant in Detroit.

Power Play Detroit will entertain in the Party Tent from 8 p.m. until midnight. The $5 cover charge will be donated to the Plymouth Vietnam Veterans. The funds are used to help veterans in need throughout the area. The tent in the E.G. Nick's parking lot will open at 7 p.m.

On the Kellogg Park Stage at 11 a.m. Sunday, Midwest Tai-kwon Do will present an exhibition and at noon, Ovation Performing Arts will entertain. At 1 p.m. a music adventures class for ages 6 months - to 4 years is planned and from 3 until 5 p.m. the Dearborn Big Band will perform.

Sunday, of course, is the Rotary Chicken Barbeque when about 700 volunteers cook 10,000 chicken dinners in one afternoon. Dinners, priced at $15, will be available beginning at 11 a.m., if all goes well, according to Barbeque Chairman Andy Savage.

Advance tickets at discounted prices are available for nearly all the service club events from members or at the ticket booths which will be set up on Main Street.

The car show and the craft show will be open during festival hours all weekend, along with the numerous vendor booths. The amusement rides and carnival food trucks will usually open at 11 a.m. There is a special Sunday ticket wristband available for rides this year.

A complete guide to the events and programs is available at the associatednewspapers.com website with free print editions available at local businesses throughout the community and at multiple festival and ticket booths.

Batter up

The Battle of the Badges softball game last Sunday in Jaycee Park in Westland saw the game trophy go the Westland Fire and Rescue team which won the Homerun Derby and the game with a score of 10-5, defeating the Westland Police Department players. The real winners were the young athletes of the Westland Youth Athletic Association(WYAA) baseball who received all the profits for the organization. The event was organized by the Westland Police Community Partnership and Westland Fire & Rescue. Mayor Michael P. Londeau served as an umpire and threw out the ceremonial first pitch, City Councilwoman Melissa Sampey announced the game and Councilman DeLano Hornbuckle sold the afternoon 50/50 tickets.

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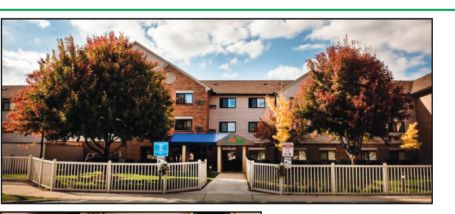
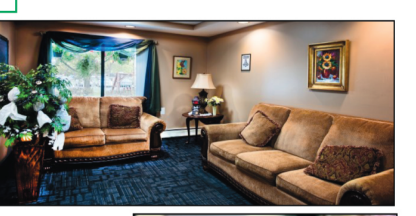

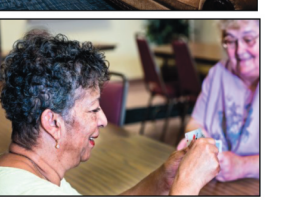

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Alligator pays surprise visit to local homeowner's patio

An unwelcome guest was forcibly removed from a Romulus homeowner's property by police last week.

Following a 911 call to the police department, officers were dispatched to the home where a 2 ½ foot alligator was lounging in front on the patio. Their arrival followed a conversation with an officer on duty who had some doubts about the accuracy of the caller's description.

According to a posting on the Romulus Police Facebook page, the recorded call began:

Homeowner: "Yes, uhm... (faint laughter in the background) I live over at ********, and there is a crocodile or an alligator on my back patio."

Romulus Police Department: "Can you send a picture of it?"

Woman: - "Sure."

Romulus Police Department: "Well, I'll be. DISPATCH!"

Responding officers noted that the animal's mouth was wired shut and called Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic, a DNR-certified rehabilitator from Belleville, who works with police in these situations. The alligator was successfully captured and transported to Rosenthal's animal sanctuary. No injuries were reported.

The alligator, renamed Navigator, was about 2 years old and was probably a pet, Rosenthal said.

He said the alligator obviously did not come from any wild habitat but probably from a pet shop or had been smuggled from Florida.

"We'll never know. He can't talk, so we'll never know the story behind him," Rosenthal said."

Rosenthal said once the alligator reaches about 7 or 7 ½ feet in length, and weighs about

500 pounds or so, about half his full growth, it will be transported to a licensed zoo. He cautioned anyone about attempting to keep an alligator as a pet.

"Nobody in the history of the world has ever raised up an alligator or a crocodile to an adult and kept it friendly," Rosenthal said. "These are killing machines."

Romulus police posted a notice reminding residents that it is illegal to possess an alligator in Romulus.

Romulus man facing charges in pedestrian death

Jacob Thomas Mraulak

Jacob Thomas Mraulak, 28, of Romulus, is facing criminal charges in connection to the death of a pedestrian and serious injury of another as he drove onto the sidewalk in Detroit.

According to Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, at about 5:28 p.m. Aug. 18, the defendant was intoxicated, driving against traffic on East Lafayette Street near St. Aubin Street when he drove onto the sidewalk, striking and killing Vivian Carmody, 68, and seriously injuring her husband, Dan Carmody, also 68, both of Detroit.

According to court documents, medics arrived on the scene and transported both victims and the defendant to a local hospital for treatment. Vivian Carmody succumbed to her injuries later the same day and was pronounced dead. Her husband, who remains in serious condition, is the Chief Executive Officer of Eastern Market.

> *"Mraulak was arraigned in 36th District Court and given a $250,000 cash bond with multiple conditions.*

Mraulak has been charged with operating while intoxicated causing death, reckless driving causing death, operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, and reckless driving causing serious injury.

Mraulak was arraigned in 36th District Court and given a $250,000 cash bond with conditions of no alcohol, no intoxicating substances, GPS and alcohol tether, and house arrest. A bond-redetermination hearing was scheduled for Aug. 25 before Judge William McConico and a probable cause conference was scheduled yesterday before Judge Kenneth King.

"This is a harsh fact: Every time you get behind the wheel of a car, you should be acutely aware that you are potentially driving an instrumentality of death. Traffic accidents happen. There is no denying that. Criminal traffic tragedies do not just happen. There is a reason for them, and criminal consequences attach including, possibly, a loss of freedom. Our hearts go out to Mr. Carmody and his family at this very difficult time." said Worthy.

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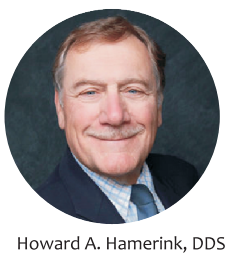

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On the job

Police internship program provides law enforcement experience

Members of the Northville Township Police Department hosted a pair of college-bound interns who were interested in better understanding law enforcement this summer.

Mya Proctor, 18, of Northville, and Brianna Kowalchik, 19, of Dexter, worked side-by-side with officers this summer. They assisted with investigations, reviewed cold case files and went for ride-alongs. In one case, Kowalchik acted as a translator at a construction site where an injured employee only spoke Spanish.

"I'm not fluent in Spanish by any means, but I knew some words that actually helped the situation, so I was able to assist the police department that day," Kowalchik said.

> *All of the officers have a passion for what they do and are always keeping the people in mind.*

One of the core concepts of the mission of the Northville Township Police Department is that of a true partnership, said Detective Sgt. Dan Jones who oversees the internship program. The intern/officer relationship is a true reflection of that, he added. Officers share their shift and advise the interns and the interns assist the officers, so they teach each other.

The internship has been transformative for Kowalchik, she said, who is changing her major at University of Mississippi after receiving the same advice about her criminal justice major from multiple officers during her time at the department. While she wants a career in law enforcement, she doesn't want to be a police officer.

"With that major, the only thing I can do with it is be a cop, several officers told me," she said. "My school didn't mention that. The officers suggested accounting, something in technology or medical instead, but I don't really want to do medical. I'm probably going to do something in business and then minor in criminal justice."

She is grateful she received that career advice as she enters her sophomore year giving her time to discern a new major.

Proctor, a recent Northville High School graduate, is heading to Michigan State University. She plans to become a lawyer and thought the internship would fuel her passion and understanding of law enforcement for a career in law. It has definitely opened her eyes, she said.

Mya Proctor

Brianna Kowalchik

"I was surprised by the vast amount of paperwork that always has to be done," Proctor said.

She also has a better understanding of why an officer draws or fires a gun. Proctor used MILO, a firearms training simulator, which allowed her to shoot blanks with a gun replica toward a video screen showing real-life scenarios, which tests the user's ability to assess a police situation.

"There may have also been a zombie shooting," she quipped, referring to MILO's zombie-themed training module.

Northville Township Police Department benefitted greatly from Proctor and Kowalchik's participation this summer, Jones said.

"An internship program is perhaps one of the most unique ways to build trust and legitimacy with citizens in that it allows them a first-hand look into the men and women who provide selfless service each day," he said.

Proctor agrees. "I learned that police officers do not have bad intentions," she said.

"They genuinely want to look out for the people of Northville. All of the officers have a passion for what they do and are always keeping the people in mind."

Changes to historic building win commission approval

A storm management plan and a revised landscape design convinced members of the City of Northville Planning Commission to approve plans for conversion of a historic home at the gateway to the city.

Commissioners approved the amended Final Site Plan for 342 E. Main, conditioned upon items in the Carlisle Wortman Associates (CWA) review letter dated July 24, 2023.

Revised plans submitted by owner Dennis Engerer to convert the gateway property, which housed the historic Yarnell Gold Cure Institute, into renovated office space met with the approval of the commission under specific conditions.

The five items in the CWA letter included Engerer's work with the DPW director and city engineer (consultant) to add a small back-out area in the grass strip to the west of the parking lot. He also must obtain Historic District Commission approval of the revised building and site plans. In addition, approved lighting information needs to be added to the amended Final Site Plan set, including the use of fixture shields to meet lighting ordinance requirements along property lines.

Once all the conditions are met, restoration of an important historic structure will further enhance Downtown Northville, officials said.

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